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I- CD containing audio of IAB interviews.

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DATE: April 1, 2013
FILE NO:

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: BUDDY GOLDMAN, COMMANDER
FIELD OPERATIONS REGION I

TO: ALICIA E. AULT, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

Case Number:	SH2311518
Incident:	Non-Hit Shooting
Incident Date:	April 17, 2012
Unit:	Lakewood Station
Suspect:	Raul Chavarria, MH/03-22-77
Involved Employees:	Deputy James Norville, #[redacted]
EFRC Date:	March 28, 2013

The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Commanders Buddy Goldman, David Fender, and Bobby Denham met and reviewed the above case.

FORCE POLICY RELATING TO INCIDENT:

Law Enforcement officers may use deadly force in self-defense or in the defense of others, only when they reasonably believe death or serious physical injury is about to be inflicted upon themselves or others.

FINDINGS:

Lakewood Station deputies were notified of a robbery that had just occurred in the city of Paramount. A description of the suspect's vehicle was broadcasted. Shortly after this notification, a Lakewood Station deputy initiated a vehicle pursuit. A second patrol unit (sergeant) joined in the pursuit. The suspect made a turn onto a residential street losing control of his car, striking the deputy's patrol car then a wrought iron fence. The suspect fled on foot.

Due to the damage of the driver's side of the deputy's patrol car, the deputy exited his patrol car on the passenger's side, and believing the sergeant, who he thought was a deputy at the time, was with him, chased the suspect down the street. The foot pursuit was broadcasted.

During the foot pursuit, the suspect seemed to be holding onto whatever he was concealing under his shirt with his right hand. At one point, the suspect was observed pulling up his shirt with his left hand and reaching to his waistband with his right hand. The suspect turned his body several times toward the deputy pursuing him. Believing the robbery suspect was armed, and fearing for his safety and the safety of others, the deputy fired two rounds at the suspect. The suspect immediately dropped to the ground and surrendered.

The suspect was not struck by gunfire, but complained of pain to his back as a result of the traffic collision.

The EFRC determined the force used to arrest the uncooperative and resistive suspect was reasonable, necessary, and justified. The EFRC also determined the tactics used were within Department policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The EFRC recommended the unit commander, Captain Merrill E. Ladenheim, conduct a tactical debriefing with the involved personnel regarding the circumstances of this incident.

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